(*d*) Three months.

(*e*) No.

(*f*) The Committee was not able to meet within the period fixed for the submission of the report.

(*g*) 7th Edavam 1105/20th May 1930.

(*h*) No.

(*i*) Messrs. K. George and S. Venkataramana Aiyar ceased to be members of the Select Committee as they had tendered the resignation of their membership on the Legislative Council. The former had gone on leave and the latter had retired from the service.

(*j*) Yes.

(*k*) Mr. P. N. Krishna Pillai, who was *ex-offico* member of the Committee as he was Secretary to the Legislative Council, and Mr. C. S. Krishnaswamy Aiyar, who was selected to serve on the committee in the place of Mr. S. Venkataramana Aiyar, at the meeting of the Council held on the 17th May 1930.

(*l*) The member is referred to Standing Order No. 34(3) of the Legislative Council Standing Orders.

(*m*) Yes.

(*n*) Extension of time was applied for by the Chairman of the Committee and it was granted.

(*o*) In view of the answers to parts (*m*) and (*n*) above, this question does not arise.

Appointments made by the District Judges and Munsiffs during 1104-1105.

131. **MR. P. S. MAHOMED** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of appointments made by the presiding officer of each of the District Judges' and Munsiffs' Courts during 1104 and 1105?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Two statements*, one showing the appointments made by the District Judges and the other by the District Munsiffs, are laid on the table.

Statement, by caste, of the clerks of the District Court, Parur.

132. **MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN** (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*) Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of the clerks of the District Court, Parur?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The required statement† is laid on the table.

The Victoria Jubilee Town Hall.

133. **MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Secretary of the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall Committee received an application from the President of the Gandhi

* *Vide* Appendices XX A and XX B pages 593 to 596.

† *Vide* Appendix XXI—page 597.

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[Mr. A. S. Damodaran Asan.]

Birthday Celebration Committee for renting the Hall for a public meeting to be held in the afternoon of the 16th Kanni 1106; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the reasons for not renting the Hall for the purpose?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The Committee of Management have the discretion to refuse any application for the use of the Hall without assigning any reason, and they refused the application in question in the exercise of their discretion.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): With regard to the answer to part (*b*), may I know the matters that are to be taken into consideration in exercising the discretion referred to there?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Committee shall always have the power to refuse any application without assigning any reason if the Committee is of opinion that the purpose for which the Hall is required is illegal, immoral or is opposed to public policy or is likely to endanger public tranquility.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Under which item did the Committee exercise its discretion in refusing it?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Opposed to public policy.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know what that public policy was in rejecting this Hall?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Hall was required for celebrating Mr. Gandhi's birthday and the Committee considered that it was not expedient to give it at the time, because the political situation was of a special character.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know whether this Hall was rented for celebrating the 59th birthday of Mahatma Gandhi?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Might have been. The situation was different then.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): What was the difference?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): At the time the application was made, Mr. Gandhi was heading an illegal movement and was incarcerated in Jail. That was the reason.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): So, the fact that he was in Jail was the ground on which —

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: No, that was not the answer. He was heading a movement which was illegal and opposed to public policy and the Managing Committee felt that it was undesirable to give the permission

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MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): A prisoner in Jail could not be said to be leading a movement?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: That is an argument. He has given you an answer. Their conclusions may be correct or may be wrong. He has given you an answer.

Automatic Electric Traffic Signals.

134. **MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI** (*Commerce and Industry, South*): With reference to the answer to question No. 89, asked at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 6th August 1929 (Vol. XV of the Legislative Council Proceedings, page 144), *re* automatic electric traffic signals, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the experiment was successful;

(*b*) whether the same has been put into practice; and

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the affirmative, whether it can be introduced here also?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Various systems are still under experiment.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) There is no necessity as yet.

Construction of Tube Wells in South Travancore.

135. **MR. D. C. JOSEPH** (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state the number of tube wells successfully constructed in South Travancore up to 1st Tulam 1106 and the total amount sanctioned and spent for them?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (1) One tube well in the Executive Engineer's Bungalow, Nagercoil. Information about the exact expenditure is not available, it being an old work.

(2) One tube well in Suchindram Car Street. There was no estimate. Expenditure Rs. 1,188.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): Will the member be pleased to state what was the amount sanctioned for sinking tube wells in South Travancore?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Ten wells were proposed to be sunk. The estimate was sanctioned for all these wells together.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): Was any amount sanctioned for sinking wells in South Travancore?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): May I know whether any amount was budgetted for sinking wells in South Travancore?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

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